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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.111 AND 1.115

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002, as to which the period for response has been extended by three (3) months by payment of the appropriate fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: See amended Claim 17 attached hereto in both "Clean" and "Marked-Up" forms.

R E M A R K S

The Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's Office Action with appreciation. In addition, the Applicants acknowledge the Office's withdrawal of outstanding rejections under 35 USC §§ 103(a) and 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-21 remain under consideration. The Office maintains rejections under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph.

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